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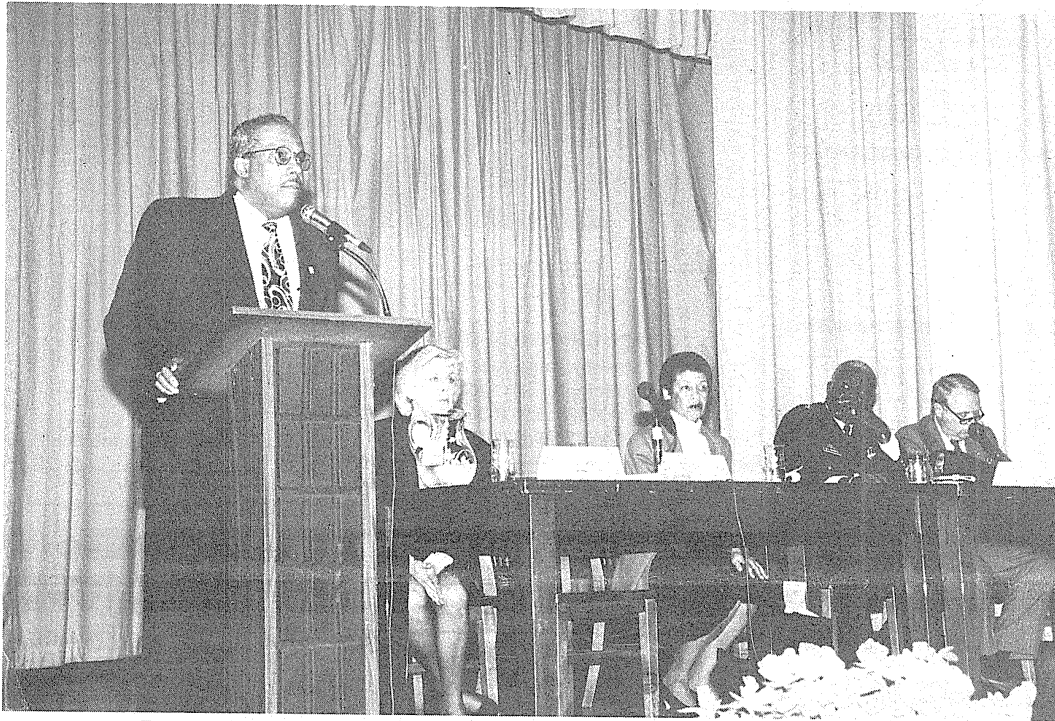
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## PUBLIC SAFETY TOWN MEETING HELD IN SOUTHWEST

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## UPCOMING SWNA MEETING

Thursday, March 26, 1992, the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, in conjunction with election and installation of new officers for 1992, will have a special Congressional report from the Honorable Eleanor Holmes Norton. There will be an address by Ward Two Councilmember, Jack Evans on the state of the District of Columbia (Ward 2). After these two reports, Southwest community will get to and ask questions of our elected officials.

David S. Brewer, Vice President of the SWNA stated that "this event would be a great way to start the SWNA New Year and it gives the community the opportunity to meet and see elected leadership up close." For many years Southwest Neighborhood Assembly has been committed to assisting all the residents of Southwest and we encourage the entire

community to come out and meet and participate in this event. Again, the meeting is scheduled to be held on Thursday, March 26, 1992 at 7:30 p.m. at Saint Matthew's Lutheran Church, 3rd & M Streets.

## ADULT MENTORS AT SIX DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOLS

The Mentors Program is in 15 District high schools during the 1991-92 school year. The program is in Ballou, Cardozo, City Lights, Coolidge, Dunbar, Duke Ellington, Eastern, School Without Walls, Spingarn and Wilson. To increase the program, mentors are needed at Anacostia, Banneker, Coolidge, McKinley, Roosevelt and Woodson high schools.

Shayne R. Schneider, president of Mentors, Inc. explained that "Each sophomore student is paired for two and a half years with an adult mentor who helps motivate the student to finish high school and make plans for the military. We ask that our mentors commit to at least one monthly meeting and a weekly phone call with their students, but there is absolutely no financial commitment required."

The Mentors, Inc. program is supported by the D.C. Public Schools and by grants from corporations, foundations, universities and individuals. This program merges the assets of the academic community, business community and the D.C. Public Schools.

Schneider said that anyone interested in becoming a mentor should contact Mentors, Inc. at (202) 463-6867.

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### VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE NEARING

District residents have until April 6th to register to vote in the May Presidential Primary, announced Elections Board Director Emmett H. remaux, Jr. today. April 6th is also the last day for voters who are already registered to file changes of address or party affiliation.

Citizens who need to register may call 27-2525 (24 hours a day) to have a mail-in registration form sent to their home. Mail-in forms are also available at all D.C. public libraries, fire houses, and police stations. The voter's completed form must be postmarked by April 6th.

Only voters registered with a major party may vote in their party's election. Persons registered as "no party" (independents) or with minor party may not vote on May 5th.

The ballot for registered Democrats and Republicans will include the following: residential nominee, Delegate to the House of Representatives, and a number of national and local party offices. Voters registered with the D.C. Statehood Party may vote only in their party's primary for Delegate to the House of Representatives.

For more information, the public may call the Voter Services Office at 727-2525.

### S.W. SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE

There are so many youths here in S.W. who want to attend college and the S.W. scholarship Fund helps them to do so. Former and new contributors, mail donations in the enclosed envelope. Checks should be made out to S.W. Community Council, Inc.

Application forms for these grants are available to students at the S.W. Branch Library. These grants are open to any resident of Near Southwest (north of the Anacostia River). Your zip Code number must be 20024. If you live in this area, you can apply for one of the grants. Last year, nineteen students were awarded scholarships.

If you would like to be on the Scholarship Committee and work on a fundraiser, call Barbara Murray at 488-8257.

### The March 9, 1992 ANC Meeting

The ANC did the following:

1. Agreed to ask the Department of Public and Assisted Housing what is delaying the installation of fences and interior panic bars at 501 and 601 Virginia Ave SE.
2. Voted to oppose the application of the 3rd & K Market, 1000 3rd SE, for a renewal of their liquor license.
3. Heard a report on planning and development efforts for the Buzzard Point/Near Southeast area; including plans for the SE Federal Center, two large scale zoning proposals, and the Zoning Commission's order approving the "Capitol Point" PUD.
4. Heard Ron Britt, acting convener for the CDC, give a status report on the Wiley Branton Community Development Corporation.
5. Adopted the proposed ANC 2D Budget for FY92.
6. Agreed to look into allegations that large numbers of people driving cars with out-of-state license plates, and who appear to be residents of the District, are not paying DC income taxes.
7. Placed a discussion of the following issues on the agenda for its next meeting, 7:30 pm, April 13th at 601 L Street SE: (a) security conditions at Waterside Mall Waterfront Metro Station, and (b) bus service the near Southwest/Southeast area.

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### SWNA ANNUAL MEETING MARCH 26TH FEATURES ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON AND ANNUAL ELECTION

The slate of officers for the 1992-93 year of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly will be voted upon at the Annual Meeting, March 26th at St. Matthews Church, 222 M St. The election will take place after Congressional Delegate Norton's talk.

The program for the evening will be:

7:30 Annual reports of Task Forces.

8:00 Delegate Norton.

8:45 Annual Election. See slate below:

Additional nominations from the floor.

9:15 Installation of new officers

9:30 Meeting of the Community Council.

Ethel Williams, Chair of Nominating Committee announces the following nominees:

President: David Brewer

Vice Pres.: Ronald Collin

Secretary: Donald Macdonald

Treasurer: Lonny Murray

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Apuala Brown

John Brown

District 2. N of M St.E. of 3rd

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Peggy Jackson

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Carmelita Simmons

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Reginald Whren

All residents of southwest, eighteen and over, are automatically members of the Assembly and are eligible to vote. All are encouraged to come to hear Delegate Norton, to vote, and to hear what the Assembly has been doing.



1991 SW Scholarship Recipients



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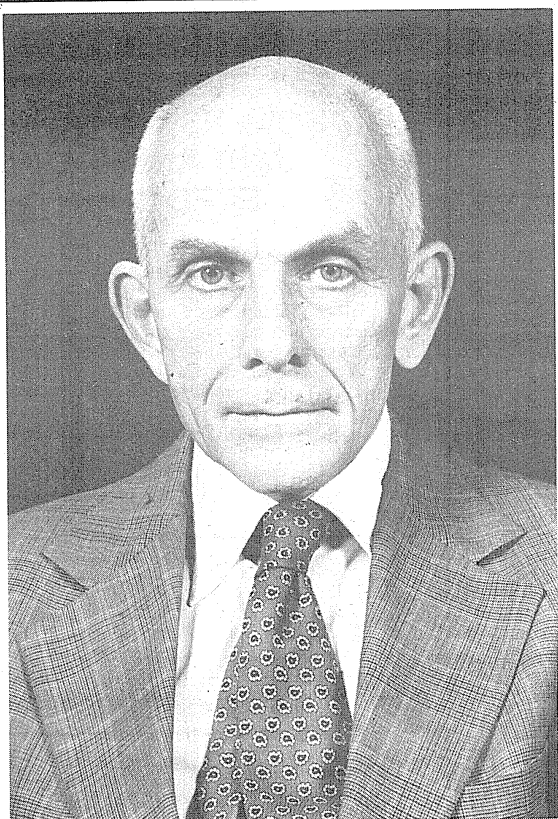
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### THROUGH THE EYES



Donald McDonald

## THE WORLD ACCORDING TO DONALD MacDONALD

BY RAMONA TURNER

Sometimes an area such as our own is not so fortunate as to have concerned people who care about the well-being of its residents. For some years now our own neighborhood has been honored to have many citizens who devote their time and efforts to improving our community. Resident Donald MacDonald is just one person out of many who has been actively involved in the Southwest area. MacDonald has been very active with the Youth Activities Task Force and the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly. He has also spent a great deal of his life trying to promote understanding between Korea and the United States.

In 1982, Donald MacDonald and some members of St. Augustine's Church gathered together to try and see what they could do for the youths of our community. They were told that our youths needed help in finding jobs. It was decided that not only jobs be found for the youth, but jobs that would give them career opportunities. From this the Youth Activities Task Force was formed which is affiliated with the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly. MacDonald is not as active with the Youth Activities Task Force as he has been, but he does what he can to help. "Currently, the Youth Activities Task Force is preparing for its eleventh year of service and we are also working

on finding jobs for our youths, promoting funding and encouraging people in the community to attend our annual fundraiser," states MacDonald. MacDonald says, "I would like to see the attitudes of community residents in Southwest change about the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly. The majority of the people who live in Southwest don't know about the Assembly, don't care and don't see what the Assembly can do for them, and I would like to see this improved." SWNA is currently working on changing this and helping members of the community see and feel differently about this key organization.

MacDonald was sent to Korea after World War II by the Army, and this is how he became so interested in Korean affairs. He has been to Korea on several occasions. When he last went to Korea, he was on a Fulbright grant and he stayed for ten months. His purpose in going was to teach in a Korean University and to do research on a book which he is currently writing on Korean politics. This book is an attempt to help people understand how politics work in Korea. He has also written two additional books. The Koreans, Contemporary Politics in Society, which will be coming out in June, and United States/Korean Relations from Liberation to Self Reliance. He also writes

articles for Korean newspapers and has an article coming out in the *Washington Quarter* this summer on the "Role of the Major Power in Korean Unification."

MacDonald is currently teaching course on Korean Politics and International Relations at Georgetown University. He enjoys very much supporting his wife in her career teaching. Mr. MacDonald says, "My wife and I would like to do something to help the Washington community. We take a great deal of pleasure in helping others."

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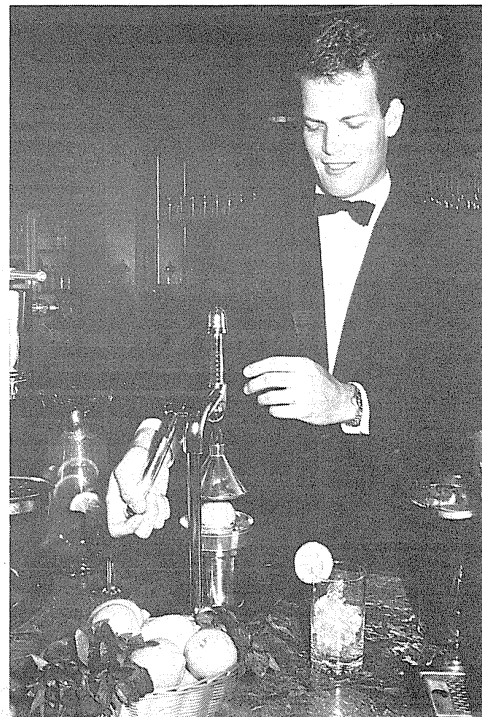
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## COMMUNITY



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## A GREAT WAY, THE UNITED WAY

by Jerry Blasenstein

Since 1974, when the United Giving Fund merged with the Health and Welfare Council, the United Way of the National Capital Area [UWNCA] has been a driving force behind the health and well-being of the communities it serves. With some \$10 Million per year in funds being raised just prior to the merger, UWNCA has grown in donations to over \$73 Million per year. UWNCA, which is headquartered at 951 Street, S.W., is actually comprised of eight individual chapters in Alexandria, Arlington, Fairfax/Falls Church, Loudoun County, Montgomery County, Prince George's County, Prince William County, plus the D.C. chapter [also housed at 95 M].

As explained by Mr. Avon Mathews, director of the DC Chapter, each of these units is completely independent, having its own Board [Regional Council], staffed completely by volunteers, who perform their own fund raising activities and community out-reach programs going out to different businesses in the community, and getting their talent from the businesses. One is apt to find IBM or AT&T involved in gathering contributions. There is also a large Federal presence via the Combined Federal Campaign.

The member agencies are the heart and soul of UWNCA. Some of the most familiar ones are the Bowen Branch of the YMCA, the Urban Center, the Mazique Parent-Child Center [providing day-care and training for young mothers], Friendship House [providing multiple service functions for senior citizens, clothing distribution, and emergency assistance], Sas Bruce [aiding young runaways], the Center for Youth Services, the Washington Urban League and the Salvation Army. In all, some agencies are involved.

With all of the positive activities and heavy volunteerism, UWNCA has been hurt in recent months by adverse publicity surrounding former President Aramony of United Way America [UWA]. As explained by Mr. Mathews, UWNCA, inclusive with other chapters around the country, is not affiliated with UWA, except that the rights to use the United Way "logo" have been purchased from UWA. In fact, local chapters are the sole determinants of how the funds are distributed. According to Mr. Mathews, "It has been difficult but we will persevere."

The annual celebration of many of UWNCA's on-going activities occurs March 1992, with an Honors Program at the Convention Center, with guest speaker Eleanor Holmes Norton. As such, UWNCA is expected to continue to be a major influence on many people's lives.

## CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL WASHINGTON WATERFRONT ARTS FESTIVAL

The second annual Washington Waterfront Arts Festival organized as the first event of the National Cherry Blossom Festival's week of events, is scheduled to take place on the Southwest waterfront on Sunday, April 5, 1992. From noon to dark, American and Japanese artists will offer their art work and fine crafts for sale.

Salon, Ltd., an artist-run organization providing affordable studio and exhibition space for Washington-area artists, is presenting this festival in conjunction with the Waterfront Washington Association, which represents the businesses along the waterfront and Arena Stage.

The Festival area will be decorated with traditional Japanese festival banners provided by ARISE which will display authentic Asian textiles each of which tells a story or myth. Asian jewelry will also be featured. Paul MacLardy who is the owner, specializes in Asian textiles.

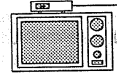
The artists' booths will be located along the seawall behind the restaurants, in full view of the cherry trees. Washington artist, George Koch of A. Salon and printmaker, Mary Barnes will demonstrate "fish prints," and offer them for sale. The process is similar to making temple rubbings. Instead of temples, we have the Fish Market.

Officer Theodore Brannum (1D), will draw free caricatures of anyone brave enough to sit for him. He will be in the park at 7th Street.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

I read the letter to the editor from "A Concerned Friend" in regard to security at Waterside Mall in the March 1992 *SOUTHWESTER*. I share the writer's concern about security at the Mall. However, I would like to point out several issues.

At a recent citizens' meeting in Southwest which I attended, a Metropolitan Police Department spokesman stated that Southwest has one of the lowest crime rates in the entire city.

Security officers' duties are to patrol the Mall area; therefore, they are seldom in one stationary area. An electronic device is used to monitor the officers' movements. These reports were reviewed and it was found that a security officer was in the vicinity of Ms. Gould's attack approximately five minutes previously. It must be noted that the police spokesman also stated that it is indeed a rare occurrence when a crime is committed in front of a police officer. I believe the same could be said of a security officer.

In the past two months, our Special Police Officers at Waterside Mall have had 14 individuals transported to the 1st District Police Station for breaking the law, have issued 10 legally binding "Barring Notices" prohibiting individuals onto Waterside Mall property for past conduct, and have summoned ambulances for individuals in many instances. Our officers also regularly respond to retail establishments requiring security assistance.

While I strongly urge that personal safety precautions be taken in all areas of the city as well as the suburbs, all of us at Admiral Security are most concerned with security at Waterside Mall. We will continue to take all avenues within our power to make Waterside Mall a safer environment for all.

Deborah R. Gerald  
Admiral Security  
Services

Dear Editor,

When Spring arrives, SW comes into bloom and is indeed beautiful. However, the smell from the Fish Market also comes into bloom. True, the Fish Market is a unique and picturesque place however, we want it to be kept clean. One day, while I was at home, I got an early sampling of its smells.

Since the Market is owned by the D.C. Government, it is responsible for its cleanliness. So, I decided to call them and express my feelings on this subject. The Business Inspection Office takes care of these kinds of complaints. Mr. Hill works in this office. His phone number is 202-727-7250. Residents, if you have the same gripe, let Mr. Hill hear from you. All of us have been too lax about taking action on this matter.

While you are calling The Business Inspection Office, you could also mention another foul odor which is sometimes in the air of S.W. It is from the Blue Plains Sewage Treatment Center which is also owned by the D.C. Government. There appears to be a need for better inspection both of these places.

Sincerely,  
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## IMPROVING YOUR SMILE

by  
Michael J. Teitler, D.D.S. and Mary E. Callanan, D.D.S.

For years I thought that I was a little weird (or maybe just a dentist) because, whenever I looked at someone for the first time, the first thing I noticed was their teeth. I've come to realize, however, that I'm not alone in this peculiar predilection -- many people notice a person's smile, consciously or unconsciously, and base much of that all-important first impression on what they see.

It never ceases to amaze me. Men and women who obviously take great pride in their appearance, every hair in place, make-up applied expertly, necktie knotted just so, and then they open their mouths to reveal the horrors within. It seems that while many people notice other people's smiles, these same folks must think their own teeth are invisible.

Sometimes it's a matter of health. Restoring teeth and gums to good health often yields dividends in appearance. Replacing a dark spot of decay with custom-matched, pearly-white composite resin, or gum treatments that change red gums to healthy pink can both contribute much towards improving your smile.

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You may have seen or heard about home bleaching kits. While there's no question that they can work to lighten teeth, the jury's still out on their long-term safety. Don't try them until you have talked it over with your dentist.

In most cases, a combination of procedures that includes bonding, veneers, bleaching, crowns, bridges and orthodontics is the approach that yields the best results. Some cases are simple and some are quite involved--the only way to know is to see your dentist and inquire what's best for you.

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The morning begins with a brief tour of the building at 8 a.m. and includes a continental breakfast and brief presentations ending at 9 a.m. Facilities on display include modernized science labs, language lab, art gallery, computer labs and two swimming pools.

Wilson's programs include art, photography, choral and instrumental music, 15 athletic teams for both young men and young women, Junior ROTC, journalism, drama and English-as-a-second-language, as well as a full range of pre-college academic subjects. A very high percentage of graduates attend college.

The geographical area for primary assignment of students to Wilson includes D.C. west of 16th street and south to the Potomac River including all the neighborhoods of upper Northwest and Southwest, Georgetown, Palisades, Mt. Pleasant and Adams Morgan.

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## REGIONAL HEARINGS PLANNED ON ELEMEN- TARY AND SECOND- ARY PROGRAMS

The U.S. Department of Education announced that six public hearings would be held across the nation to receive comments on ways to improve more than 50 federal elementary and secondary education programs.

On April 2 and 3, 1992, a hearing will convene at 8:30 a.m. and adjourn about 4:30 p.m. It will be at U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, Cohen Building, 300 Independence Ave., S.W., Washington, DC.

For further information call Genevieve Cornelius of the U.S. Department of Education at (202) 401-3104. Deaf and hearing impaired persons may call (202) 708-9300 between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m.

## TOASTMASTERS CLUB FORMING

TOASTMASTERS CLUB is now forming at the Southwest Library, 920 Wesley at K Streets, S.W. Toastmasters is a non-profit, educational organization which offers practice in the art of public speaking and enhancement of leadership skills. There are over 175,000 Toastmasters in 52 countries.

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For more information, contact Mr. Hamilton Smith at (202) 554-8316 or Ms. Carolyn McCormick at the library.

## SEU FESTIVAL AT PHILLIPS

On April 11th, Southeastern University of Washington, D.C. will be the beneficiary of a day long festival at Phillips Flagship Restaurant in Southwest. Sponsored by Hennessey cognac of New York, WJZE 100.3 FM and Phillips Flagship, this event should be a real treat for jazz enthusiasts.

Three jazz bands--winners of the Hennessey nationwide talent search--will perform between 3 p.m. and midnight. There is no charge for the general public. In addition, a member of the world championship Washington Redskins will be present from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., and at 5 p.m. he will assist in drawing the winners of the festival's raffle. Prizes will include footballs and autographed posters, and raffle tickets are available at Phillip's Flagship up through the day of the festival.

Southeastern University, located at 501 Eye Street, SW, continues to build its reputation as a University for the working adult. As a result, programs are offered at times which are convenient, and at prices which are affordable.

Southeastern University is an international University in the truest sense of the word. Part of the mission of the University, since its founding in 1879, has been the education of people around the world. The University has entered into cooperative efforts with existing institutions in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, Karachi Pakistan, and the United Arab Emirates.

Recognizing the outstanding contribution Southeastern University has made to the Washington, DC community, Phillips Flagship, WJZE 100.3 FM, and Hennessey Cognac have joined together in a salute to the University. With three weeks of radio promotion donated by Hennessey, the DJ's of WJZE, and the elegant surroundings of Phillips Flagship, a sizable crowd is expected for the event. According to WJZE's Bob Alston, "The April 11th jazz festival is designed to create the highest level of community awareness and generate audience participation. The promotion will have long lasting benefits for Southeastern University."

## CAPITOL HILL RALLY AND CONCERT FOR KIDS

Join the Child Welfare League of America along with Gary Clark of the Washington Redskins and Victoria Rowell of "The Young and the Restless" for CWLA's annual Capitol Hill Rally and Concert for Kids. Senator Harris Wofford (D-PA), Delegate Eleanor Holmes-Norton (D-DC), and Representative Pat Schroeder (D-CO) and CWLA's Executive Director David Liederman will be there.

He will speak out on the need for making children's issues a national priority. The rally will begin with a performance by Julia Nixon and David Ylsvaker followed by a presentation by the Warren County High School PRIDE club.

The rally will be of interest to people of all ages as CWLA is encouraging individuals and groups, including civics and government classes, and related student organizations from area schools and universities to participate. The rally will be held on Thursday, April 2, at Senate Park (north side of the Capitol) across the street from the Russell Senate Office Building from 11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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## S.W. Library Donations

Eric Blumensen, an auditor from Baltimore, Maryland and a long time patron of the Southwest Branch Library, donated nine board games for the After-School Young Adult Program at the Southwest Library. Mr. Blumensen, who was an employee at EPA, recently changed jobs and relocated outside the Southwest area. As a going away gift, his friends and co-workers took up a collection and presented him with a cash award. Mr. Blumensen felt that this money would be more useful as a donation to the Southwest Library.

The After-School Young Adult Program, which was started at the Southwest Library in September of 1991, was in need of some board games for the youth. When Mr. Blumensen discovered this need, he purchased nine games which include: two Monopoly, two Checker boards, one Life, one Girl Talk, one Chinese Checker board, and two Uno Deluxe Editions. Mr. Blumensen commented, "I have pursued a lifetime of learning and I want to give the children of our society the same opportunities."

Our second thank you goes to Ms. Angela du Hamel. Ms. du Hamel donated over \$1,000 worth of supplies to the youth of the Southwest Library. She gave paper pads, ink pens by the boxes, staplers, covers for reports, index cards, you name it. She gave a box full of everything for the kids to enjoy.

People like Ms. du Hamel and Mr. Blumensen make our work at the library so much richer and rewarding.



## RELIGION

GARAGE AND BAKE  
SALE

St. Dominic's Church at 630 E Street, S.W., will hold a garage and bake sale on Saturday, March 21 from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., and on Sunday, March 22 from 8:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. The proceeds will benefit the Southwest Community House which provides much needed services to our community.

Donated items may be brought to the office at St. Dominic's. Baked goods will be accepted on March 21 and 22. All Southwest residents are invited to participate in any way they can. For further information, please call 554-7863.

AARP Chapter  
Established in SW  
Washington

AARP (The Association of Retired Persons) has established a chapter in Southwest Washington. If you are 50 years young-retired or not, you are invited to join AARP and share in the benefits. AARP is a nonprofit organization dedicated to addressing the needs and interests of persons 50 years and older. We seek through education, advocacy and service to enhance the quality of life for all by promoting dignity, independence, and purpose.

Chapters perform a unique and important role within AARP. They provide a regular forum for AARP members in the community to meet to discuss concerns and ideas, to learn more about the Association and its activities, to make plans and take action to improve the quality of life for older persons in the community.

The Southwest Waterfront-DC Chapter of AARP meets monthly on the third Wednesday of every month at 12:30 p.m. The next meeting will be April 15th at St. Matthews Lutheran Church, 222 M Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20024.

AARP is making plans for their Health Fair which is coming up in the spring.

AARP provides Tax-aid free for senior citizens over 50 years of age; Driver's Education for age 55.

Join AARP. Become involved!  
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FRAUDULENT HEALTH  
PRODUCTS SEEN AS  
GROWING PROBLEM

While federal action to control the proliferation of fraudulent remedies may take time, the Arthritis Foundation says people with arthritis can act now to avoid useless or potentially harmful products. The Foundation offers this short quiz to help evaluate potential remedies:

- Is it inherently harmful? Are there potential side effects?
- Does it require that you stop using therapies your doctor has prescribed?
- Does the seller claim it works for all kinds of arthritis and for other conditions, too?
- Are testimonials the only proof offered that the treatment works?

SCHOLARSHIP  
AVAILABLE AT CUA

The Society of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, Washington, DC, and The Catholic University of America announce a full-tuition scholarship to fund one master's degree candidate concentrating in Irish studies at CUA. The scholarship, to begin in the fall 1992 semester, will be awarded to an applicant accepted for CUA's M.A. programs in Irish studies or English or politics with a specialty in Irish studies.

In addition to being admitted to CUA, scholarship candidates must be U.S. citizens between the ages 21 and 28, with some Irish ancestry. Other requirements include residence in Washington, DC; Alexandria, VA; Falls Church, VA; Montgomery or Prince Georges counties in Maryland; or Arlington or Fairfax counties in Virginia. Students who attend college elsewhere but have a home in one of these areas are also eligible.

Applicants must have graduated with a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university in the United States by August 31, 1992, but should not have begun any other postgraduate degree course. Applicants need not be Catholic. The deadline for scholarship applications is April 30, 1992.

For more details on CUA's Irish studies offerings and to apply for the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick Scholarship at CUA, write Robert Mahony, Director, Center for Irish Studies, The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC 20064; or call 202-319-5488.

GOD'S MERCIFUL  
TOUCH

When trouble comes,  
as it does to us all

God is so great  
and we are so small-

But there is nothing  
that we need to know

If we have faith  
that wherever we go

God will be waiting  
to help us bear

Our pain and sorrow,  
our suffering and care-

For no pain or suffering  
is ever too much

To yield itself  
to God's merciful touch!

- Is it described as "natural" or "harmless"?
- Is it described as a "cure"? Does it have a secret formula?

"Proceed with caution if the answer to any of these questions is yes," cautioned Dr. Pontell. "People should never take any health product, regardless of how innocuous it seems without at least mentioning it to their physician first," he said.

The Arthritis Foundation offers a free brochure, "Unproven Remedies," with more information about how to spot and avoid unproven remedies. For a free copy, contact the Foundation at (703) 276-7555 in Arlington, VA.



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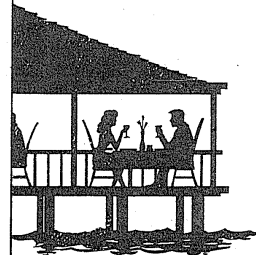
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## SOUTHWESTER ALL ACADEMIC TEAM



**MICHELLE SMITH**  
SYPHAX, E.S.

Hello! My name is Michelle Smith, and I am 11 years old. As a sixth grader, I attend the Syphax Elementary School. Mrs. Carrie Greene, who is my teacher, makes sure I learn. She gives me plenty of work to prepare us for Junior High School.

I am the Student Council president, and the Ambassador for the African country of Burkino Faso, which my class has adopted. Our school has a gifted and talented program which provides many exciting activities, trips and experiences for me. On Mondays and Wednesdays, I can be found studying Mathematics and Reading Skills at the Higher Achievement Program [HAP]. I enjoy reading, writing, and babysitting. Shopping is something I like to do. All I need is a voluntary spending account. My favorite television shows are: "Beverly Hills, 90210", "Step by Step", and "Family Matters". My favorite colors are black and purple. My goal in life is to be a poet, dancer, fashion designer, and a business manager.

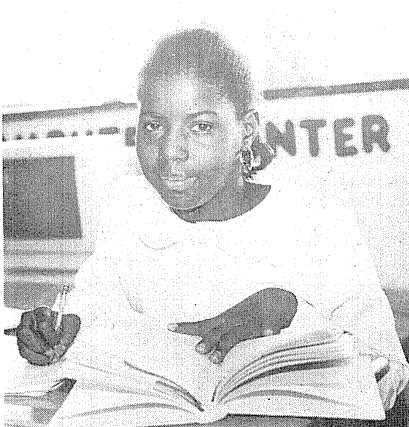
I leave you with this African proverb: "To know nothing is bad; To Learn nothing is worse."

**VICTOR CUNNINGHAM**  
SYPHAX E.S.

My name is Victor Cunningham. I was born in Washington, D.C. on November 7, 1980. I'm 11 years old. I go to Syphax Elementary School. My teacher's name is Mr. Donald Wood. I'm in the sixth grade. My best friend is Anthony Johnson. My hobby is working math problems. I like math because I want to be a Tax Accountant or an Engineer.

When I graduate from the 6th grade, I want to go to Jefferson Junior High School. I would like to go to Howard University. My best sport is basketball. The basketball player I like best is Michael Jordan. I like to do exercises. I like it because I want to be healthy and I want to be strong like Arnold Schwarzenegger.

I would like to be a positive person and make a good future for myself. To all the sixth graders out there, I hope I see you in my future.



**DONNICE BUTLER**  
VAN NESS E.S.

On March 13, 1980, a baby girl was born. She was a bundle of joy. That was me, Donnice Butler, now twelve years old. I am a sixth grader at Van Ness Elementary School. It is in the heart of Southeast near the Navy Yard.

I am one of the smartest students in my class. I'm cute, shy and well-liked by my friends and teachers.

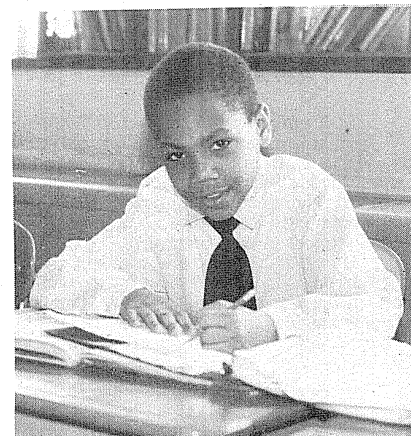
I am a member of the Van Ness Chorus, the Junior Red Cross Club, and a member of our school's student council. I am an afternoon tutor for young children in my building, so I earn a little extra money for things I want to buy.

My joy and happiness depends on me, no one else. So, I'm doing the right thing. I make good grades and I am going to go to college.

Drugs and alcohol are all around me. It really bothers me, but not enough to prevent me from succeeding with my plans for life. I am going to be a lawyer. I plan to start my own law firm.

Talk about "can't wait", as soon as I can. I am going to do something to help the "homeless". After all the good things that have happened to me, I want to try and help others. I will be able to do that when I finish law school.

This is just the beginning. I believe that I will achieve my goals. I can't wait!



**BRIAN HUMPHREY**  
VAN NESS E.S.

Hello, my name is Brian Humphrey. I'm ten years old. We have a family of five and I'm known as the middle child and a native of Washington, D.C.

Concord Elementary School in Maryland was my first school before Van Ness. School has always been a fun place for me and I have always wanted to be an excellent student. To meet this challenge, I have participated in many activities, such as: The Gifted and Talented Program, The Van Ness Chorus, The Computer Program, Student Council, French Club, and the National Energy Education Development Project, a national winner for two years.

I'm presently being tutored by General George Larson, Commandant of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces in math, my favorite subject. I have won third place in the French Club competition. Most of all, I enjoyed saying a Martin Luther King Junior speech at St. Matthew Church and leading the flag salute at several U.S. Department of Agriculture's ceremonies.

I plan to participate in many other different programs for the rest of my school days.


My hobbies are drawing portraits, reading adventure stories, watching TV and playing football. One day I will become a lawyer or maybe a judge like Thurgood Marshall.

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**CEDRIC LYLES**  
BOWEN E.S.

I, Cedric Lyles, am an Honor Roll student here at Bowen E.S. I, too, have made the Honor Roll for the past six years. I have many interests. I am a member of the Glee Club, the Newspaper Club, the Spelling Bee Team, and the Young Technocrats. My favorite subject is Math and I love problem solving.

I am very interested in music. I like to play structured music, as well as free-flowing music, from Bach Inventions, Clementi, and Mozart, to gospel music like "Thank You, Lord", or rock music, like "Keep Our Love Alive". I enjoy the Young Technocrats Club at Bowen, where we explore the wonderful world of science and math.

I plan to major in many things in college, such as science technology, mathematics, and astronomy. I am in Mr. Harden's sixth grade class.



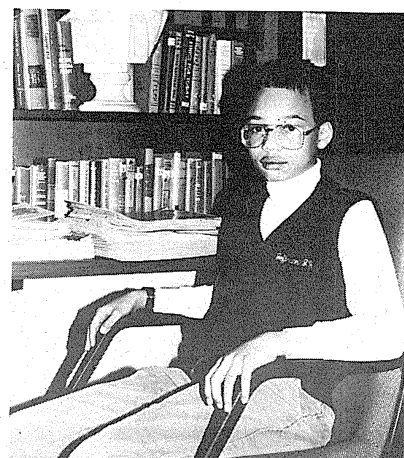
**TRACI CURRY**  
JEFFERSON J.H.S.

I was born in Hartford, Connecticut on November 4, 1978. I was raised here in Washington, D.C. At age two, I began attending what was then called Southwest Montessori School. At the age of 5, I began attending Amidon Elementary School.

I now am an eighth grade honor roll student at Jefferson Junior High School. I am part of the "School within the School" extended day program which is designed to add a challenging aspect to math and science.

In January of last year, I took the Scholastic Aptitude Test and was selected in the Summer to participate in the Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth, which I continue to attend each Saturday.

After High School and College, I plan to pursue the field of medicine as a pediatric cardiologist.



**NEIMAN ALVAREZ**  
JEFFERSON J.H.S.

My name is Neiman Alvarez, and I am in the eighth grade. I attend Jefferson Junior High School in Southwest Washington, D.C.

My classes this year include Chemistry, English, Humanities, Geometry, Algebra II, German, History, Food I, Nutrition, and Typing. Of these, my favorite class is Algebra II because of my interest in Math. I am also involved in a few after-school activities such as Mathcount, Chess Club, and the Spelling Bee.

In my spare time, I enjoy doing things like drawing, computer programming, playing video games, reading, and watching Television. My favorite hobbies are coin collecting and building rockets.

I am an honor roll student and a part of the extended day "School within a school" Math Science program.



**DARONA WILLIAMS**  
BOWEN E.S.

I, Darona Williams, have been an Honor Roll student at Bowen E.S. since the first grade. My average at the present time is 3.8. I'm very serious about my work, but I also like to play and have fun. Some people call me a nerd but I have no intention of being a dullard. Right now, I'm getting ready to participate in the 10th Annual Spelling Bee Competition. I enjoy learning new words to try on my friends and adults. As a sixth grader, this is my 3rd Spelling Bee. We had a Black History Essay Contest during February and I won 1st place on the sixth grade level. I also attend HAP, a Higher Achievement Program, at Gonzaga High School. When I finish my four years at HAP, I will enter the Upward Bound Program. My ambition is to become a doctor. I am in Mrs. Bobo's sixth grade class.

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### PUBLIC SAFETY TOWN MEETING HELD IN SOUTHWEST

Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton sponsored a town meeting and speak-out at Jefferson Junior High. Principal Vera White welcomed the audience of about 100 concerned citizens. The panel of speakers began with Chief Isaac Fulwood, Metropolitan Police Department. He shared his views and departmental strategy.

Robert Bryant, special agent in charge of the Washington Field Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation unveiled the Bureau's Safe Streets Campaign. Special guest speaker was Sarah Brady, Chairperson of the Center to Prevent Handgun Violence. Her husband, Jim Brady, was shot at the same time President Reagan was injured. Now as a national advocate, Ms Brady's discussion emphasized Congressional Action on the Brady Bill.

Dr. H. Beecher Hicks, Chairperson of the Committee for Strict Liability, spoke about Referendum 006 and the Assault Weapon Manufacturing Strict Liability Act. Rev. Beecher is the pastor of Metropolitan Baptist Church.

Following the presentations, Southwest and other District residents spoke out and received responses from law enforcement professionals. Congresswoman Norton recently taped a Public Service Announcement with Steve Higgins, Director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, gave the



Audience listens at Public Safety Town Meeting

closing remarks. Norton urged her constituents to use the new hotline, 1-800-ATF-GUNS which has recently been activated. Plans are to send the ATF hotline number to every District resident through her city-wide newsletter. The hotline will enable residents to report violations such as possession of firearms and other weapons.

Some phone numbers to remember are:  
To report gang, gun and drug activity -  
1-800-ATF-GUNS  
D.C. Crime Solvers & Tipsters - 202-393-2222  
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